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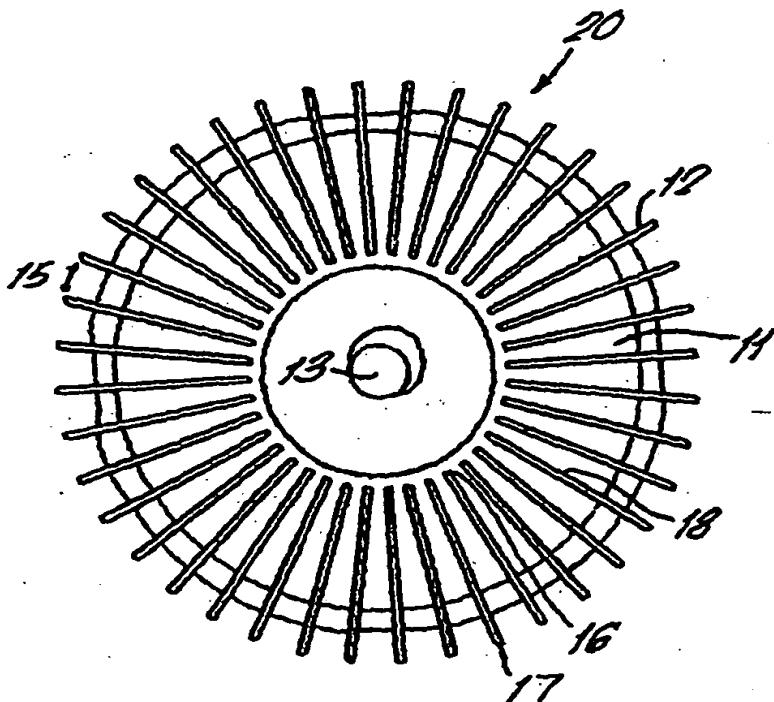
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to abrasive flap discs which are used for a variety of finishing, grinding and polishing operations, particularly on welded fabrications. The present invention provides an abrasive flap disc (20) comprising a backing plate (11), an annular array of flaps (12) of abrasive material arranged on the backing plate (11) and bonded thereto along the lower most edge of each flap (12), wherein each flap (12), at least in a radially outer region is substantially spaced from each adjacent flap (12) such that the flaps (12) have freedom to flex and conform to an underlying surface in use.